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[REDACTED] REVEALS THE FOLLOWING ROAD AND BRIDGE

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INFORMATION IN THE VICINITY OF XOM CA TRANG ON ROUTE 15 IN NORTH
VIETNAM:

1. PHOTOGRAPHY [REDACTED] REVEALS THE XOM CA TRANG
HIGHWAY BRIDGE OVER THE RAO CAI [REDACTED] AT 1757N 10548E
(UTM WE849844) TO BE UNSERVICEABLE DUE TO AIR STRIKES. THE NORTHERN
APPROACH HAS BEEN EXTENSIVELY CRATERED AND THE NORTHERN MOST SPAN HAS
BEEN DROPPED FROM THE ABUTMENT. THE CABLES ACROSS THE CABLE SPAN
STILL APPEAR TAUT POSSIBLY INDICATING THAT THE CABLE ANCHORAGE
CRATERED NORTH BRIDGE APPROACH WAS NOT DESTROYED.

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2. RECONSTRUCTION OF THE XOM CA TRANG HIGHWAY BRIDGE OVER THE
NAM QUAT HAS BEEN COMPLETED. [REDACTED] BOTH CABLE ANCHORAGES
WERE FILLED, ONE-HALF OF THE REMOVABLE DECKING WAS ALLIGNED ON THE
NORTHWEST APPROACH, AND THE SECOND HALF OF THE DECKING WAS UNDER
CONSTRUCTION ON THE SOUTHEAST APPROACH. [REDACTED] THE DECKING
WAS NOT OBSERVED AT THE BRIDGE SITE AND THE BRIDGE HAD NOT YET BEEN
TRAVERSED.

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3. A NEW ROAD IS OBSERVED UNDER CONSTRUCTION ON THE SOUTHWEST
BANK OF THE NAM QUAT AT 1757N 10547E CONSISTING OF A CLEARING OPERA-

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TION EXTENDING APPROXIMATELY 600 YARDS BETWEEN UTMS WE859858 AND WE859859. A SECOND CABLE BRIDGE OVER THE NAM QUAT IS OBSERVED AT UTM WE859859 AND CONSISTS OF A WOODEN PIER CONSTRUCTED IN THE MIDDLE OF THE RIVER, SUPPORTING AT LEAST ONE TAUTLY STRUNG CABLE. AN APPROACH IS OBSERVED UNDER CONSTRUCTION ON THE NORTHEAST BANK, HOWEVER, THIS ACTIVITY IS NOT AS YET CONNECTED TO ROUTE 15.

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MAP REF: GEOGRAPHIC COORDS FROM USATC SERIES 200, SHEET 0617-14HL
UTM COORDS FROM AMS SERIES L701 SHEET 6164I

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